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GAS KILLS LANKFORD ON EYE OF MARRIAGE

Vice-President of Southern Railway Is Found Dead in His Bathroom.

ACCIDENT, SAYS OFFICIAL

Later Are Inclined to Doubt Theory.

Richard Dixie Lankford, vice-president director of many allfed corporations, the bathroom of his apartment in the Osmund, 1140 Pacific street, Brooklyn. He was to be married to-morrow to Miss Nellie Patterson, who recently resigned a confidential secretaryship in the offices of Huyler's, the candy manu-

The police blotter of the Grand avenue station says "apparent suicide." but Dr. Lester D. Volk, the Coroner's physician, believes that death was accidental. On the death certificate he simply wrote, "Cause of death, gas asphyxia."

Lankford was troubled at times by acute indigestion, headaches and insomnia. in the last few weeks he had slept little He rarely complained of his health, however, and there is abundant evidence that he was happy in every relation of life and on his last night was cheerfully arranging the details of his wedding with

The announcements were ready for dis tribution. His trunk was packed. The last thing he did was to write the wedding trip destination, the Marlborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City, on baggage tags. On the table of his sitting room yesterday were notices of the marriage to be sent to newspapers and on a sheet of yellow paper were such memoranda as these "Note to Harrison," "Taxicab," "Note of marriage to McCarthy"—
"McCarthy" being Charles E. A. McCarthy assistant secretary of the Southern Rall-

Worked His Way Up.

He was a stalwart, good looking man of 46. Starting in Princess Anne, Md., he worked his way from a subordinate clerkship to the vice-presidency of his road. He made innumerable friends and was an officer of the Maryland Society of New York. With every sign of sincerity Miss Patterson, her relatives and every friend \$10 in quarters and \$10 in nickels and of Mr. Lankford who could be reached said there was no possible reason for suicide and that death was plainly ac-

juncheon at the Railroad Club in the and Brown gave him back \$10. Hudson Terminal Building with his bachford had just received a letter of con- made up of a round piece of steel with a gratulation from a friend who had heard good quarter at each end. of the approaching marriage. He tossed the note across the table to McDowell Kelly if he had sent for change, and said with a smile: "I believe the old "I didn't but you did" said. there."

He also told McDowell where the honey moon would be passed. Only McDowell and found steel instead of silver. And was to know-it was to be a secret until Mr. and Mrs. Lankford were safely out The police of the West Forty-seventh of New York. The tickets to Atlantic City were already in Mr. Lankford's had lost on the new game, but there were

On Wednesday evening Lankford called on Miss Patterson at the home of her brother, Harry S. Patterson, who is credit man for the drug firm of Schief felin & Co., and lives at 814 Prospect place, Brooklyn, Miss Patterson, who is about 37 years old, has an apartment at 641 St. Mark's place, but during the week preceding the projected wedding she was spending her nights with her brother's

Discusses Wedding Cheerfully.

In the course of that Wednesday eve ning visit Mr. Lankford gave Miss Patterson a list of additional addresses whither announcements were to be sent He was as cheerful as usual. Togethe and then with Mr. and Mrs. Patterson they discussed all the wedding plans to see that nothing had been forgotten. The ceremony was to be performed at Miss Patterson's brother's home by the Rev. Dr. Charles Carroll Albertson to-morrow afternoon. The number of the guests was to be thirty. Neither of the principals wanted a "big wedding."

Mr. Lankford left the Patterson apartment about 10:45 o'clock on Wednesday night. Mrs. W. M. Corey, mother of Mrs. Harry S. Patterson, accompanied him to the door. He spoke of the cold, said he would see the family again the next day, bade Mrs. Corey a cheerful good night and went home.

In the Osmund Mr. Lankford had two rooms and bath on the top floor. The bathroom is at the rear. About quaroom is at the rear. About quar-oil o'clock yesterday morning a knocked at the door of the apart-She had not knocked before be-every one in the house realized that Lankford was not going to his office early in the few days preceding his No one answering her tap, she empty bed and his coat on its She called, "Mr. Lankford, Mr. Lankford," then seeing that the bathroom door was closed, she ran down stairs and Evans Lynch, a young negro hallboy.

How Body Was Found.

ch found Mr. Lankford lying on his

ed to the conclusion that Mr. to make sure that no gas leaked

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ULSTER CONFERENCES FAIL.

Bonar Law Admits Abandoning the Attempt to Conciliate.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 15 .- A. Bonar Law, the Unionist leader, in a speech at Bristol to-night confirmed the report that nesotiations between his party and the Liberals for a settlement of the Ulster question had failed. He said:

"There have been conversations between the party leaders, but thus far they have been without result, and I am grieved to say (but think it my duty o say so, for nothing can be gained by therishing vain illusions) that so far as Police at First Say Suicide, but are drifting rapidly and (if something I can judge there can be no result. We does not turn the current) inevitably to a civil war which will shatter the whole fabric of our national existence and leave us exposed to dangers from without.

"We must assume," continued Mr. Law, "that it is the present intention and secretary of the Southern Railway of the Government to carry their policy to the bitter end, and on that assumption was killed by gas yesterday morning in it is our duty by every means in our power to prevent them from committing what we believe to be a great crime.

"Parliament has not the right to sell the people of Ulster into slavery. If Ulster is to be dragooned the order must be given only as the will of the people If the Government persists in its policy the issue cannot be decided without bloodshed. If Premier Asquith is right he will lose nothing by a general election and if he fears a general election he has an alternative in the referendum. The Government is ready apparently to face civil war rather than face the people. We have given a pledge that if Ulster resists we will support her, and we intend with the help of the Almighty to keep that pledge."

NEW SWINDLE GAME ON GREAT WHITE WAY

Slick Stranger Fools Hotel and Theatre in Quarter Trick.

A young man, hatless and coatless stepped to the box office at Hammerstein's Victoria yesterday afternoon and asked Robert Brown, the assistant treasurer, if he could spare \$20 in quarters.

"I'm from Paddell's, across the street," he said, handing in a \$20 bill. Brown handed over the twenty-five cen pieces made up in two rolls. The stranger

was back in half a minute. "I made a mistake," he said. "I wanted

Brown didn't have the small change and said so. The young man handed back one of the packages, remarking that he could On Wednesday Mr. Lankford had probably get small change in the subway,

Ten minutes later the cashier needed clor comrade Thomas J. McDowell of quarters himself and tried to break the 146 Macon street, Brooklyn. Mr. Lank- package, but it wouldn't break. It was

Brown went over to Paddell's, a hotel across the street, and asked Manager

"I'm sorry, but I couldn't give him the small change, only the quarters."

Then Kelly opened his roll of quarters startling. the thief was ahead \$19 in five minutes. street station couldn't find any other's who wouldn't 'fess up.

FIREMEN HUNT BURGLARS. Aid Policemen at Fire in West 21st

Street Building.

Fire Chief Kenion delegated a number of his men, including Battalion Chies George Ross, to assist Police Captain Albert Mason and the reserves from the West Seventeenth street station in a hunt for burglars early this morning. Samuel Berger, a special officer, shortly

after midnight thought he saw three or four men in the eleven story loft building at 31 and 33 West Twenty-first street and heard footsteps of men hurriedly climbing the stairs.

He called the reserves and Capt. Mason and all his available men responded. When they got to the fifth floor found two great fires. The stock of Vinegrad. Meirowitz & Kaiser, who make ladies' suits, was going up fast, so they sent in a fire alarm.

Battalion Chief Ross and a dozen pieces of apparatus came in jig time. A water tower was set up and soon the fire was under control. Kenion learned how the

under control. Kenion learned how the fire was discovered and instead of dismissing his forces he divided those who were not working into two squads.

Battalion Chief Ross took a mixed company to the top of the building to look for the burglars, while Police Captain Mason with another mixed company toured the lower floors. Neither squad discovered a trace of burglars. The fire damage was about \$2,000.

LEPROSY REPORTED CURED.

Chinese Patient Freed, but Doctor Fear Disease May Return.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 15 .- The cure of a case of leprosy is said to have been effected at the State colony on Penikese Island. Henry Chin Yen, a Chinese patient, is reported to be so completely recovered from the disease that he has been discharged from the hospital and has started for China to visit his relatives.

the bedy Was Found.

The found Mr. Lankford lying on his on the bathroom floor. He was the pajamas and bathrobe lay on the many one window was tightly A gas jet was wide open. An lamp about three inches below it three months, in order that they might assume fixture was lighted. On

same fixture was lighted. On a the inside of the bathroom door towel.

State position of this towel more withing else that started early relat Mr. Lankford was a suicide. The physicians do not assert that scientifically he has been permanently cured, but the results have given rise to a hope that of the towel was a suicide. It was learned to-night that Elias Anfrom the leper colony as cured three He had been under treat-

AILES SAYS WILLIAMS NAGGED CITY BANK

Banker Accuses Treasury Official of Misusing Power to Hurt Institution.

IRONICAL RETORT

The "Department's" Statement Praising Munsey Deal Meant for an "Editorial."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- Milton E. Alles, ice-president of the Riggs National him. Bank, who was a witness to-day before the Senate Committee on Banking, charged John Skelton Williams, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, with going out of his way and resorting to extraordinary methods to find material with which to attack the National City Bank of New York.

Mr. Ailes gave his testimony in the presence of Mr. Williams, who selzed the opportunity to reply in a general way to the charges and to assure the committee that he had no personal animosity against Mr. Ailes.

The "encounter" between the banker and the Assistant Secretary excited a lively interest in the proceedings.

Mr. Ailes represents the National City Bank in Washington. He had told the committee, which is considering the nomination of Mr. Williams to be Comptroller of the Currency, that he regarded the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury as unfriendly to the National City and Riggs National banks and personally unfair to himself (Mr. Ailes).

Atles Goes Into Details,

Questioned for details Mr. Alles said that after the trouble had arisen between the National City Bank and Assistant Secretary Williams, resulting in the exclusion from the Treasury Department of a young woman who had been forwarding information to the bank, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury had sent an examiner to a national bank in Richmond and to another in Chattanooga to demand correspondence that had passed between the National City Bank and these institu-

Mr. Ailes alleged that the bank sur rendered the letters and that the Treasury Department used them in an effort to accuse the National City Bank of trying to embarrass the Treasury Department in its policy of making deposits of Government funds for crop movement purposes In response to questions Mr. Ailes said he was unable to account for Assistant Secretary Williams's antipathy to him except on the ground that at the time Mr. Williams was retired from the board of directors of the Seaboard Air Line on the

successor on the board. Mr. Wiliams at this point got the opportunity to deny that he had any perproduced the letters that the bank ex- in more vehement language. aminer had brought to him from Richof the committee said after the adjournment that the correspondence was not

Mr. Ailes insisted that the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury had no right to use national examiners for such purposes. Mr. Williams admitted that the bank examiner who performed the mission for him had no legal authority to compel the banks to surrender the correspondence. He said the examiner simply requested permission to take the letters and the banks had voluntarily turned them over

Mr. Atles Presses Charges

Mr. Alles tried to introduce other evidence, some of it documentary, to prove that Assistant Secretary Williams had gone out of his way and misused his official power to obtain material with which to attack the National City Bank and him (Mr. Ailes).

The witness read what purported to be an official statement from the Treasury Department that had been published in Frank A. Munsey's Washington Times, eulogizing Mr. Munsey and the Munsey Trust Company for a service it performed in absorbing the United States Trust Com-

This statement attracted considerable public attention at the time and incensed local bankers because it said that the Munsey Trust Company was the only financial institution in Washington strong enough to take over the United States

Trust Company. At this point there was an interesting iisclosure. Mr. Williams told the committee that he did not issue the statement, that it did not come from the Treasury Department and that he had not seen it until he read it in the Munsey

Stuart Olivier, who is employed in the Munsey Trust Company of Baltimore, then rose and asked permission to explain to the committee the origin of this mys-terious statement laudatory of Mr. Munwhich has attracted so much attention because it purported to have beer official statement from the Treasury

Mr. Olivier said that he, wrote the statement and that the editors of Mr. Munsey's Washington newspaper had made the mistake of assuming that it was Department and had published it as such

Request for "an Editorial." He explained that he was busy in his

office in the Munsey Building as the representative of Frank A. Munsey negotiations for the transfer of the affairs the United States Trust Company and reporters waited upon him with a re quest that he write an editorial for the newspaper on the situation. Mr. Olivier explained that he dictated

the statement expecting that it would be used in the newspaper as an editorial, but was surprised later when it. was pub-

from the Treasury Department.

The mysterious "official statement" has been the subject of much adverse comment from local bankers and criticism has been directed against the Treasury artment on account of it. An ex-

COLORADO HAS WOMAN BOSS.

Mrs. Lee, Democratic Chairman, Declares for a Party "Machine." DENVER, Jan. 15 .- Mrs. Gertrude A

Lee, who became chairman of the State Democratic committee to-day, believes that the only hope of party success is in powerful machine. "By a machine," she declared, "I do not

mean a corrupt body, but on the other **ACCUSES BRYAN OF** hand an organization pure in principle and certain in purpose. Consequently am opposed to steam roller methods." Asked what her plans were, Mrs. Lee

"You know I will be chairman of the State committee until after the elections next fall. We have a United States Senator to elect, besides a full State ticket and four Representatives. My aim is to organize our party so that Democrats will be returned to all these offices. When Senator Thomas's term expires we cannot afford to let a Republican succeed

the claim of being the true representatives of woman's rights in Colorado. They are not. I hope to make the Democratic party the leading exponent of the rights of women. I hope within the next few months to bring the majority of the women of this State into the fold of our

"Another thing, I am for a party above the man. By that I mean that the candidate should be pledged to certain priniples and that the individual equation should be wholly eliminated."

POPE PIUS HIMSELF CONDEMNS THE TANGO

Letter From Cardinal Vicar. Edited by Pontiff, Calls It "New Paganism."

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME, Jan. 15,-The condemnation of he tango by many prelates individually as now been followed by its denunciation by the Cardinal Vicar with the approval of the Pope.

The Osservatore Romano, the organ of the Vatican, prints a letter from the Car- at Mr. Bryan. dinal deploring the daily increasing attempt to pervert souls, while at the same time public and private morality is himself from Washington to deliver lec threatened owing to the license of the tures, and expressed the hope that in fill-

ments. The Cardinal Vicar then says: "I am now deeply grieved to learn that an attempt is being made to introduce certain dance from over the seas which gravely outrages modesty and which has already been condemned by many illustrious Bishops and prohibited even in Protestant countries."

The Cardinal Vicar includes the danc "the new paganism," which, he says, is threatening to overwhelm the faithful demand of New York financial interests He urges the clergy to "warn the people he, Mr. Ailes, was selected as Williams's of the grave offence against God of par ticipating in amusements which are in citant to corruption."

It is understood that the Pope edited sonal animosity against Mr. Ailes. He the letter, which was originally drafted

The anti-clericals received nouncement by the Vatican with derision and will immediately initiate a propa-

SPARE BEARDSLEY FOR FAMILY.

Presence of Children Prevents Attack on tarmhouse.

MAYVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 15 .- Nine children stand between Edward Beardsley, who is barricaded in his farm home two miles from this village, and death by violence.

Sheriff Anderson and eleven deputies are camped in a ravine near by, and Beards. and comprehensive purpose, but was only ley cannot escape. No rush will be made the impulsive act of an opportunist, and upon the house, however, for it shelters Beardsley's wife and the helpless children. The "policy of inaction" is to starve the man into submission.

James W. Putnam, the Overseer of the Poor, who was shot by Beardsley Tuesday night when Putnam called with food and clothing for the children, is much worse. He was taken to a hospital in

Jamestown to-night and may die. There is no fuel in the Beardsley home is on scant rations and the officers believe that Beardsley must yield to-mor-

The only thing Beardsley has in abundance is ammunition. He is a good shot and the deputies do not conceal their re-gard for the safety of their lives. Two friends of Beardsley who are

serving in the posse made overtures him to-day, offering safe conduct to jail, but Beardsley sent back a gruff refusal to make terms. The Sheriff insists that any concerted attack upon the house would endanger the lives of Mrs. Beardsley and children.

POLISH CROWN UNEARTHED.

Storm Uprooted Elm at Cracow, Re vealing Hiding Place. Special Cable Despatch to THE STN.

LONDON, Jan. 16 .- A Vienna despatch to the Dolly Mail says a storm at Cracow uprooted an ancient elm and revealed the iding place of the crown which had the fourteenth century, and which has been missing since the middle of the eighteenth century. All the gems with which the crown

fallen out of their places.

NO OPPOSITION FOR CUMMINS. lowa Standpatters Probably Choose Senator Again.

DES MOINES, Jan. 15 .- At the close of stormy session to-day seventy-five once a candidate to oppose Senator Cum-nins at the primary election. A committee of eleven was named to sound the Republican sentiment in Iowa and to rec-ommend the action the old guard mem-

It is left to the discretion of the com-nittee whether or not the standpatters hould nominate a candidate against Se ator Cummins.

FORCING U.S. TO WAR Representative Gillett Says Secretary's Neglect of Duty

CALLS POLICY DISGUSTING

Will Cause Intervention.

Envoy Wilson's Advice Should Have Been Followed in Mexico, He Insists.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- A bitter attack upon the foreign policy of the Wilson Administration as formulated by William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, was embodled in a notable speech delivered in the House to-day by Representative Gillett, a veteran Republican leader. Mr. Gillett, who represents the Springfield district of Massachusetts, declared the Bryan reatment of foreign problems to 'be inconsistent and in the last degree disgusting to patriotic Americans, who put national honor and support of the Government in its international relations upon a higher plane than partisan politics."

Representative Gillett assailed the Administration as a whole, but devoted the better part of his address to criticism of the State Department as conducted by Secretary Bryan.

"I do not suppose our Secretary of State had any special familiarity with his new duties, although that did not prevent him from discharging many of the trained and skilful force in his office and filling their places with men whose claims were based on political service and obligations." was one of Mr. Gillett's shots

Mr. Gillett charged the Secretary of State with neglect of duty in absenting press, theatres, fashions and the amuse- ing such engagements Mr. Bryan was not moved by avarice.

Alarmed Over Mexican Tangle.

Mr. Gillett declared that he felt some disquietude over the Mexican situation. "I greatly fear that the State Department's long inaction has allowed affairs to drift to that condition where ultimate intervention in Mexico will be the only essible solution of the problem," he said.

Continuing, Mr. Gillett said: "Great restraint has certainly been xercised in allowing this Administration unhampered scope in its foreign policy. Yet I think the policy, or lack of policy. of the State Department is one of the most censurable features of the Admin-

istration. Mr. Gillett expressed regret that the ing Administrations looking to the upbuilding of American prestige in the Orient had been set at naught in this Administration's rejection of the work of several decades in establishing profitable financial and trade relations with China He objected to the hasty recognition of the Chinese republic by this Administration in the face of the supercautious at-

titude adopted toward Mexico. In reference to the Chinese recognition he said: "Recent events seem to prove what was charged at the time, that our reversal of policy was not the result of a studious that perhaps the significance and importance of the policy overthrown had not been adequately investigated or un-

Thoughtfulness Lacking

"A politician may change his ground under emergency, but the foreign relations of a great Government should not be erratic and we should not offer to one nation what we had just declared to another was forbidden by our principles and the besieged man has been burning Such conduct excites disquietude because the furniture and interior woodwork to it makes us fear that our foreign affairs keep a fire in the kitchen. The household are being conducted on impulse and not with the serious thoughtfulness and in-

vestigation which they deserve." Mr. Gillett disapproved the Administration's Mexican policy.

"I fear that situation was neglecte antil the crists came, when some ac tion was imperative, and then the action had to be suited to the existing conditions instead of having the conditions influenced and arranged by previous careful prepa ration. I approve entirely of the avowed purpose to have order and a settled Government reestablished in Mexico with our riendly and sympathetic advice, and ndorse the self-restraint which prevents the hotheads from rushing to instant war, but I greatly fear the State Department's long inaction has allowed affairs to drift to that condition where ultimate intervenwill be the only possible result of our

Recognition Preferable. "I think myself that instead of wait

ng six months outlining any policy we ought to have followed the advice of our representative on the spot and recognized the provisional Government of Huerta. There is no reason to believe that was not the plan of the previous Administration, studded were found, although some had and one is haunted by the suspiction that i and that the desire manifested in so may ways to discredit and differ from its predecessor and not borrow even advice or information from its Ambassador or agencies may have been one of the in pulses which affected the policy."

"When the war comes it will be no excuse that the Secretary of State has standpat Republican leaders voted by a delivered brilliant speeches in favor of narrow majority against putting up at peace," said Mr. Gillett. "The question once a candidate to oppose Senator Cumtaken such measures as would naturally avert it? An emotional and oratorical glorification of peace is no sufficient atone licy whose legitimate and

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POWERS' APPEAL FOR ACTION IN MEXICO REJECTED BY U. S. LONDON "TIMES" UPHOLDS U. S.

Says Huerta's Defences Are Being Broken Down. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. DON, Jan. 16 .- The Times says that

the decision of President Huerta of Mexico to default in payment of interest on the national debt can hardly be regarded as anything else than a sign that matters are growing desperate with him and that Great Britain, France and the stand taken by the United States is gradually breaking down his defences. The paper continues:

"There appears to be some anxiety in certain American quarters that Huerta's raid interests European bondholders and will lead to diplomatic complications. We do not share this anxiety. So far as Great Britain is concerned a bondholder is far from being the powerful malencent influence in shaping the national policy that he sometimes appears to the imagination of the less responsible American Journalists.

"It is widely, if not universally, recognized on this side of the Atlantic that the pacification of Mexico, whether by persuasion or force, is an American and not a European responsibility, and that the United States can neither delegate nor share it. President Wilson has enjoyed and will apparently continue to enjoy complete freedom from anything which can be called diplomatic pressure from other Powers."

PALESTINE ESTATE FOR BEILIS. Report Lord Rothschild Has Bought

It for Him. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, Jan. 15 .-- A despatch from Kieff says that Mendel Beilis, who was recently acquitted of the charge of will now be deprived of such portion of ritual murder, and his family have gone to Jaffa.

It is understood that Lord Rothschild has bought him an estate in Palestine.

ELECTRIC POWER FOR 40 ROADS. Out for Chicago and Vicinity.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 .- Forty railroads entering Chicago have joined in planning a vast cooperative system of electric motive power for both passenger and freight transportation in Chicago and the industrial zone surrounding it. At a meeting of the council terminal committee to-day it was said that every detail. from placing thousands of miles of current rails not the European Governments particuto the character and extent of the power houses, will be worked out within a few can bonded debt will make further repweeks.

The planning and estimates without a stroke of construction work will cost tempted to press the point further. \$500,000 before the specifications for the change are completed next summer.

JACOBSEN \$40,000,000 FOR ART. Small Legacies for Family.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 15 .- Dr. Carl Jacob. sen, who died last Sunday and who left an estate valued at \$40,000,000, with the consent of his children left them only small legacies. He bequeathed practically all his great fortune to art pur-

Firemen Drag in Hose. cause a company of firemen came in draging a line of hose. Neither did any of the guests attending four dinner parties on the second floor where the fire

was although they knew what was going The blaze started in the Jungle Room where Charles D. Flynn of 58 Central Park West was entertaining forty friends. A sooty flue was the cause. Walters brought in a chemical fire extinguisher which didn't put out the blaze, so Engine

BANK FAILS FOR \$8,000,000. Charles Victor's Institution in Paris

Victim of Others.

Company 40 was called.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Panis, Jan. 15 .- The failure to-day of Charles Victor's bank, an auxiliary of the societe Nationale de Credit, involves \$3,000,000. The net loss is estimated at \$1,000,000 as many of the securities of the

institution are gilt edged. According to talk in financial circles the failure was due to a bear raid which was engineered by the big banks who found that this secondary institution was obtaining too great an influence, especially in Indo-China and China.

SULZER ON TWO COMMITTEES.

weet to Give Each Democrat and Progressive Two Places.

ALBANT, Jan. 15. - Speaker Sweet returned to Albany to-day with a tentative draft of his list of committee appointments. He expects to announce his final selections on Monday. The Speaker said he had arranged to give each Democratic and Progressive Assemblyman two mittee assignments.

Ex-Gov. Sulzer will be on two important

committees, the Speaker announced, be-cause of his five years previous service in the Assembly. One of Sulzer's appointments comes to him because he elected by the Progressives, althoug terms himself a Progressive Demo lough he terms himself a Progressive Democrat. and the other was made by Mr. Sweet personally without the recommendation of Michael Schaap of New York, ProgresRequest for Positive Change of Policy Is Declined.

NO MOVE CONSIDERED

Germany Interested in Matter.

EXPECTED ACTION HERE

European Nations Keenly Disappointed Over Decision Not to Intervene.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- The United States Government has again been invited by the Powers of Europe to do something positive with regard to the Mexican situation, and the invitation has been declined. This was authoritatively made known here to-day.

The announcement by President Huerta that his Government would pass the semi-annual interest payment due on the foreign debt of Mexico has been the occasion for the latest representations to the United States. The Governments of Great Britain, France and Germany are particularly concerned over this development, because practically all of the millions in Mexican securities are held by the citizens of those three countries, who their income as was derived from such securities.

The representations made by the Governments of these countries took the form of calling the attention of Secretary of State Bryan to the official announcement of the default by the Huerta Government and an inquiry as to whether the United States was going to do anything about it. Mr. Bryan replied in answer to these inquiries that the President had nothing to communicate to other Governments on Mexico.

This answer was delivered by Mr. Bryan to-day, and there the matter rests for the immediate present. Whether or larly interested in the matter of the Mexiresentations is not yet known, but it would occasion no surprise if they at-

Prompt Action Taken.

It became known within forty-eight hours after the announcement of the default that attempts would be made by Copenhagen Brewer Left Only the holders of Mexican securities in Europe to bring pressure upon their Governments in the hope that the latter would take up the matter with the United States.

The action of the Governments concerned even before their citizens had had opportunity to make representations to their home Governments is taken as an indication that they feel obliged to con-Dr. Jacobsen, who owned one of the sider very seriously the losses of their biggest breweries in the world, devoted most of his income for years to art and also that they are disposed to look to the United States for some sort of remedial measures.

HEALY GUESTS EAT AMID FIRE. | At present the United States has the advantage of the European Governments None of 300 Diners Leaves When most concerned over the Mexican situation. Several months ago President Wilson asked that none of the Governments None of the 200 guests in Healy's main do anything with respect to Mexico until dining room. Sixty-sixth street and the United States has had an opportunity to lay its policy before them. The Governments, without exception, consented to await an announcement of policy from President Wilson. They are still waiting, as no such announcement as they have been expecting from the United States has ever been forthcoming to them. Consequently their hands are tied for an indefinite period, or until the Wilson Administration gets ready to do something. They can hardly withdraw their consent to await the decision of the United States as to the Mexican situation and are not in a posttion to force the United States into ac-

tion so long as they are pledged to wait. Powers Disappointed,

The attitude of the European Govern ments toward the Wilson policy of "watchful waiting" is well known in Washington. They are obviously disappointed, to put it mildly, that the months continue to roll by without the United States showing any signs of lifting a finger to set Mexico's house in order. They have about given up expectation of any action by the Washington Government in Mexico in the immediate future and according to authoritative statements made here have settled down to wait for that day to come when the

United States makes up its mind to act. Some of the foreign representatives here have advised their Governments that the Wilson Administration contemplates intervention in Mexico as the final means of solving the problem, but that there is no use to expect such action soon. The President, they have reported, is trying to stave off such a proceeding as long as possible not only because he does not consider the public mind prepared to indorse it but also because he fears any distraction from his legislative programme in Congress.

The effect of such advices has been to convince more than one foreign office in Europe that there is no use hoping for anything better in Mexico in the near future. The conviction is general among the European Covernments that

there will be no substantial improvement and can be none in the Mexican situa-